

information or documentation indicating that a review or reconsideration is warranted. If a nation has not imported in the previous 6 months yellowfin tuna or yellowfin tuna products that are subject to a ban on direct importation into the United States under section 101(a)(2)(B), the nation shall no longer be considered an intermediary nation, and these import restrictions shall no longer apply. The status of a nation as an intermediary nation will remain valid until the Assistant Administrator has sufficient evidence that a nation is not importing yellowfin tuna or tuna products subject to a direct ban under section 101(a)(2)(B) of the MMPA. The Assistant Administrator may require the submission of additional supporting documentation or verification of statements made in connection with requests to review or change the status of an intermediary nation.

As a reminder, the interim final regulations implementing the IDCPA (65 FR 30, January 3, 2000) also set forth a mechanism for lifting primary embargoes against nations harvesting yellowfin tuna in the ETP purse seine fishery. Harvesting or exporting nations, if different, must submit documentary evidence directly to the Assistant Administrator and request an affirmative finding as required by 50 CFR 216.24(f)(9). The affirmative finding process requires that the harvesting nation meet several conditions related to compliance with the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP). To issue an annual affirmative finding, NMFS must receive the following information:

1. A statement requesting an affirmative finding;
2. Evidence of membership in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC);
3. Evidence that a nation is meeting its obligations to the IATTC, including financial obligations;
4. Evidence that a nation is complying with the IDCP. For example, national laws and regulations implementing the Agreement on the IDCP and information that the nation is enforcing those laws and regulations;
5. Evidence of a tuna tracking and verification program comparable to the U.S. tracking and verification regulations at 50 CFR 216.94;
6. Evidence that the national fleet dolphin mortality limits (DMLs) were not exceeded in the previous calendar year;
7. Evidence that the national fleet per-stock per-year mortality limits, if they are allocated to countries, were not exceeded in the previous calendar year;

8. Authorization for the IATTC to release to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries complete, accurate, and timely information necessary to verify and inspect Tuna Tracking Forms; and

9. Authorization for the IATTC to release to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries information whether a nation is meeting its obligations of membership to the IATTC and whether a nation is meeting its obligations under the IDCP, including managing (not exceeding) its national fleet DMLs or its national fleet per-stock per-year mortality limits. A nation may opt to provide this information directly to NMFS on an annual basis or to authorize the IATTC to release the information to NMFS in years when NMFS will review and consider whether to issue an affirmative finding determination without an application from the harvesting nation.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2000, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held in the Aquarium Conference Center of the NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA; telephone: 508-495-2373.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to consider

in-season adjustment to the 2000 Loligo quota.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 29, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Department of Defense Commercial Air Carrier Quality and Safety Review Program

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary of Defense announces the proposed reinstatement of a public collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.